



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
March 5, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on March 5, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers with 26 species recorded. Winter conditions still prevail with refuge wetlands still about 95-100% ice and snow covered. In most years the ice has started to break up by early March. Except for rough-legged hawks, the numbers for most species were lower than what would be considered normal for this time of year. Also, species that normally start to show up on the refuge in early March, including American white pelican, double-crested cormorant, and American avocet were not sighted. Some signs of spring were apparent with Canada geese already paired and other waterfowl species exhibiting courtship behavior. Other highlights included 2 Northern shrikes and 1 peregrine falcon.

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| Tundra swan | 541 |
| Canada goose | 268 |
| Mallard | 29 |
| Northern pintail | 1478 |
| Green-winged teal | 139 |
| Northern shoveler | 265 |
| Gadwall | 78 |
| American wigeon | 219 |
| Canvasback | 84 |
| Redhead | 1 |
| Lesser scaup | 127 |
| Common goldeneye | 43 |
| Bufflehead | 8 |
| Common merganser | 43 |
| Ring-necked duck | 3 |
| Ruddy duck | 51 |
| Unknown ducks | 133 |
| Pied-billed grebe | 4 |
| Great blue heron | 8 |
| Killdeer | 3 |
| Ring-billed gull | 114 |
| American coot | 65 |
| Bald eagle | 7 |
| Northern harrier | 3 |
| Rough-legged hawk | 14 |
| Peregrine falcon | 1 |
| Northern shrike | 2 |

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